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Serial No.: 10/656,629 * Art Unit: 1641

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For: Optochemical Sensing with Multi-Band Fluorescence Enhanced by Surface Plasmon Resonance.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

To the Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action of December 19, 2005 which was non-final and rejected claims 1-20, which are all the claims in this application.

In the Specification

In the specification in the section DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION, please delete the first and second paragraphs as shown with strike-through and substitute with an amended third paragraph presented below immediately after the strike-through version.

~~Current fluorescence techniques, despite their relatively high sensitivity, are restricted by fundamental photo-physical processes. For certain fluorophores, fluorescence might not be sufficiently sensitive to be used for successful identification of single particle samples. For example, the typical fluorescence spectra of bacteria do not always provide sufficiently selective~~